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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation

Docket No. 2005-246-C

In the Matter of the Application of Sprint Long Distance, Inc.

Docket No. 2005-238-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find for filing the original and eleven copies of a "Joint Motion for Order Approving Applications" submitted by Sprint Long Distance, Inc., Sprint Nextel Corporation and the Office of Regulatory Staff with respect to the above-captioned dockets. Also enclosed please find the original and eleven copies of a Joint Movants' Proposed Order which I would ask you to file.

Sprint Long Distance, Inc.'s prefiled Direct Testimony is due Monday, November 7. Were the Public Service Commission to grant the Joint Motion of the parties filed this date, the need for testimony would be obviated. Accordingly, the parties jointly request an extension of ten (10) days in which to prefile and serve Direct Testimony (or until such time as the Commission rules on the Joint Motion filed herewith).

Please return a clocked copy of the Motion and Proposed Order with my courier.

Please note that by carbon copy of this correspondence I am serving all parties of record.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott,

Scott Elliott

SE/mlw Enclosures

c: All parties of record w/enc

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation For Approval of the Transfer of Control Of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Sprint Long Distance, Inc. and Sprint Payphone Services, Inc. from Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding Company))))))	Docket No. 2005-246-C	
In the Matter of the Application of Sprint Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services, for Alternative Regulation, and for Waiver of Certain Commission Rules))))))	Docket No. 2005-238-C	

JOINT MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING APPLICATIONS

COME NOW Sprint Long Distance, Inc. ("Sprint LD") and Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint Nextel") (collectively "Sprint") and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") ("Joint Movants" or "Parties") and hereby file their Joint Motion for a Consent Order in the above-styled docket. In support of their Motion, the Parties respectfully show as follows:

1. The authorized representatives of the Joint Movants are their undersigned counsel.

Sprint LD's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

- 2. On August 10, 2005, Sprint LD filed its "Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services, for Alternative Regulation, and for Waiver of Certain Commission Rules" and Exhibits. The Application was properly verified, pursuant to Commission regulations.
- 3. On September 9, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Appointing Hearing Examiner in connection with Sprint LD's Application.
- 4. On September 13, 2005, the Commission issued its Notice of Filing and Hearing and its Prefile Testimony Letter. The Notice of Filing and Hearing set a deadline for Petitions to intervene and scheduled a hearing date for Sprint LD's Application. The Prefile Testimony Letter set various deadlines for prefiling testimony.
- 5. On September 22, 2005, counsel for Sprint LD filed the required Proof of Publication in connection with the Commission's Notice of Filing and Hearing.
- 6. The deadline for Petitions to Intervene in connection with Sprint LD's Application expired on October 13, 2005, with no party other than ORS intervening.
- 7. In response to concerns noted by ORS to Sprint representatives, Sprint LD filed a corrected proposed tariff in the docket on October 21, 2005, which adequately addresses the issues raised by ORS.

Sprint Nextel's Application for Transfer of Control

8. On August 17, 2005, Sprint Nextel filed its "Application for Approval of the Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Sprint Long Distance, Inc. and Sprint Payphone Services, Inc. from Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding Company".

- 9. Sprint Nextel filed its Notice of Request for an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-260. Sprint Nextel held the allowable ex parte briefing on September 1, 2005, at the Commission's offices in Columbia, and the attendees' required reports as well as a transcript of the September 1 briefing were subsequently posted on the Commission's web site.
- 10. On September 20, 2005, the Commission issued its Notice of Filing in connection with Sprint Nextel's Application. The Notice of Filing set a deadline for Petitions to intervene in connection with Sprint Nextel's Application, and the transmittal letter accompanying the Notice set a deadline for Sprint Nextel to file the Proof of Publication for the Notice.
- 11. ORS filed a letter with the Commission on October 4, 2005, stating ORS' finding that Sprint's request is in the public interest and recommending that the Commission approve it.
- 12. Counsel for Sprint Nextel duly filed the required Proof of Publication for the Notice of Filing on October 20, 2005, and the October 21, 2005, deadline for Petitions to Intervene expired with no party other than ORS intervening in the matter.
- 13. In recognition of the fact that no party other than ORS intervened in either Sprint LD's Application or Sprint Nextel's Application, that Sprint LD has filed a revised tariff that addresses certain issues raised by ORS, and that ORS has filed a letter finding that Sprint Nextel's Application is in the public interest and recommending that the Commission approve Sprint Nextel's Application, the Joint Movants respectfully request that in the interests of administrative economy, efficiency and conservation of Commission resources, the Commission issue an Order approving Sprint LD's Application for a Certificate of public convenience and necessity and Sprint Nextel's

Application for transfer of control. Since no party other than ORS has intervened in the matters, and since ORS supports this request, no party will be disadvantaged by summary administrative approval of the Applications. Moreover, the public interest will be served by speedy approval of the Applications.

14. The Joint Movants attach hereto a Proposed Order approving Sprint LD's and Sprint Nextel's Applications and request that the Commission adopt it.

WHEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order granting the Parties' Joint Motion and adopting the attached Proposed Order.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of November, 2005.

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